

University Hospital
New Orleans La

June 2^d 1864
Dear Mother

I recieved your
very kind letter of May 11th
last week and was very glad
to hear from you. The reason
I did not answer it immediately
was because I have been very busy tak-
ing care of the wounded.
there ^{is} 120 beds in the ward that
I am in and 75 of them are
wounded and the rest are sick.
I am one of the head nurses. I have
the medicine to attend to and
give to one half of them. it kept

me pretty busy for a few days
when they first came for they were
in a very bad condition. Five
of them died being conveyed from
the steamboats ~~to the~~ ~~to the~~ up
here about a quarter of a mile
they were all very bad wounds
that came to this hospital, but
are doing first rate now.

I got a letter from Harrison last
week he only wrote a few lines and
sent some old letters from you
and one from sister Sue Lute and
Ellen. I was very glad to get
them if they were old I would
answer them now but I have
not time but will as soon as
I can. I concluded by what
Lute wrote that she sent me
here picture but I could not see it
Harrison must have kept it I think
I wish Sue would send me hers
and also Ellen and Alice and

Henry and then I shall have
the whole of them. I hope they will
send them as soon as they can,
I have got almost entirely well
~~so~~ but I don't think that I should
be able to stand it on a march
or to lay out nights on the
ground I think I should ^{be} as
bad as ever. my lungs don't feel
quite right yet. I feel as well
every other way as I ever did.

Uncle Sam went away from
here yesterday. he has been put
into the Invalid Corps. he has
got to be examined again and
I think he will stand a good
chance to get a discharge.
He told me all about how he
acted while he was at home.
He told me that he could not
remember but little of what was
going on in L. Ville for he was
not sober any of the time. he

seemed to feel very bad about
indeed. as he always does after
he has a spree. he says that he
never will drink another drop: but
he has said that to many times
and broken his word. I don't think
he has drank a glass of Liquor since
he came back.

Well it is getting almost 10.
o'clock and I must write to Har-
son to night. so I will bid you
good night. Give my love to all

From your O^bd Son
John H. Brand
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